

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	10684	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	11/10/2011	Department:	Public Works
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement and any related documents between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation for award of \$10,200 in Traffic Safety Funds to purchase, assemble and distribute bicycle lights to increase public information and education efforts on bicycle safety; accepting grant funds in the amount of \$10,200 from Texas Department of Transportation; amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$10,200; and amending the Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to transfer in and appropriate \$10,200 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

The total grant amount of \$10,200 will be provided by TXDOT. The required \$3,336 local match will be provided through volunteer hours (assembly and distribution).

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 11, 2009 – Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan.
For More Information:	Annick Beaudet, 974-7142; Susan Garnett, 974-7064
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

A grant call for Texas Traffic Safety Funds was made by the Texas Department of Transportation on February 04, 2011. In May of 2011, the Austin Police Department and the Public Works Department's Bicycle Program partnered to distribute bicycle lights to the community with a focus on bicyclists riding without lights.

This Grant Agreement will allow the City to use Texas Traffic Safety Funds to purchase and distribute an additional \$10,200 worth of front and rear bicycle light sets, which will include an informational card about bicycle safety and the legal requirements for using lights when riding a bicycle at night. The proposed outcome of the grant is to increase public information and education efforts on bicycle safety, while also decreasing the number of motor vehicle-related bicycle fatalities. The City of Austin in-kind match of \$3,336 will be provided through volunteer hours (assembly and distribution).

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.